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# Focuses On 'Conspiracy' Witness Year-Old Kennedy Death 'Expose'

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NEW ORLEANS, La.—One year has passed since Jim Garrison, the towering district attorney of Orleans Parish, announced that he knew who killed President John F. Kennedy in Dallas and that it was not Lee Harvey Oswald. He has described his case as "straight out of Alice in Wonderland."

Last February, Garrison said, "My staff and I solved the assassination weeks ago. I wouldn't say this if we didn't have the evidence beyond a shadow of a doubt."

To date the 46-year-old DA has arrested and held for trial one man: Clay L. Shaw, a prominent New Orleans businessman, who is charged with taking part in a conspiracy to murder Kennedy and is free on $10,000 bond.

Two other men, allegedly seen with Shaw plotting the crime, are dead: Oswald and David W. Ferrie, said to have been a brilliant but wretched homosexual oddball.

### Witness Hypnotized

The only witness to this bizarre clique of "conspirators," whose own three-year-old recollection was refreshed by hypnosis at Garrison's order, was Perry Raymond Russo. Russo told two stories.

The account he gave Andrew J. ("Moo") Sciambra, a Garrison aide, who wrote a 3,500-word report to his boss, contained no reference to Oswald, Shaw and Ferrie "plotting" to kill anyone. It said nothing of "Ferrie's apartment," where Russo later recalled seeing the fateful meeting.

Under a hypnotic trance induced by Dr. Edmond Fatter, Russo told the more sensational story which convinced three judges that Shaw should stand trial.

Dr. Fatter said he interrogated Russo three times under hypnosis. The stenographic transcript of the questions used in "helping" Russo's memory, and which drew out a story vastly different from the one Sciambra had reported, added names and relationships that Russo had not previously mentioned.

Dr. Fatter told James Phelan of the Saturday Evening Post that the questions came from "Garrison's office." Sciambra said he "forgot" to include Russo's references to the assassination plot in his first report. And he said he had "burned" his original notes.

The only other witness against Shaw, that produced the judges' decision against him and a grand jury indictment, was Vernon Bundy.

Bundy, a narcotics addict, said that as he prepared to give himself a "fix" on the New Orleans shore of Lake Pontchartraine in the summer of 1963, he saw Shaw with Lee Harvey Oswald.

### One Committed For Perjury

One more figure among the three score and more names that have appeared since Garrison opened his investigation has been arrested, tried and convicted.

Dean Adams Andrews, an attorney in Jefferson Parish, was found guilty of perjury after contradictions while trying to identify the voice that allegedly asked him, by telephone, to defend Oswald in Dallas.

The Shaw trial was set for early February, but was postponed when his lawyers asked a change of venue.

But for 18 months Garrison has carried on a nationwide publicity crusade in behalf of this theory that Kennedy was murdered by a "precision-trained guerrilla team" of at least seven men recruited from bands of anti-Castro refugees in New Orleans, para-military groups such as the "Minutemen," right-wing extremists of neo-Nazi coloration and a homosexual "loser" seeking to commit the "perfect crime."

The district attorney has said that some of the plotters were former employes of the Central Intelligence Agency and informers for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Because of this, Garrison believes the CIA and the FBI, with cooperation of the Warren Commission, the attorney general and even President Lyndon B. Johnson, have concealed and destroyed evidence.

The Garrison version of the ghastly events in Dealey Plaza unfolds in a ceaseless flow of innuendo, suspicion and assumption but he has revealed very little proof. He has said that to "lay it all out" would "jeopardize" his investigation.

And to answer or rebut the drumfire of accusations rolling from Garrison's office would require a full replay of the Warren Commission investigation (which included interrogation of 522 witnesses). It would require, too, that the commission and all of the agencies that produced the 26-volume report acknowledge and accept Garrison's challenge, i.e., that "the burden has shifted to the government to prove that it was not an accessory before or after the fact" of Kennedy's death.

### The Array Of Charges

What are some of Garrison's more sensational charges?

"A number of men who killed President Kennedy were former employes of the CIA . . . the CIA knows their identity. So do I. Our investigation has established this without a shadow of doubt."

Garrison's office subpoenaed Allen W. Dulles, former head of the CIA, on Feb. 16 with the statement that Garrison "has succeeded in identifying the assassination of President Kennedy as an operation conducted by elements of the CIA," and that Dulles is needed to testify about CIA activities. The request says that as CIA director prior to Sept. 27, 1961, Dulles "would have pertinent knowledge as to substantial reports that Lee Harvey Oswald was an agent and-or an employe of the CIA."

Garrison claims Oswald was recruited and trained by the CIA while in the Marines at Japan's Atsugi Air Force Base. But the CIA "concealed" proof of Oswald's role by burying in the national archives 51 documents classified as top secret, he said.

And, Garrison says, "any document the CIA wanted classified was shunted into the archives without examination by the sleeping beauties of the (Warren) commission."

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